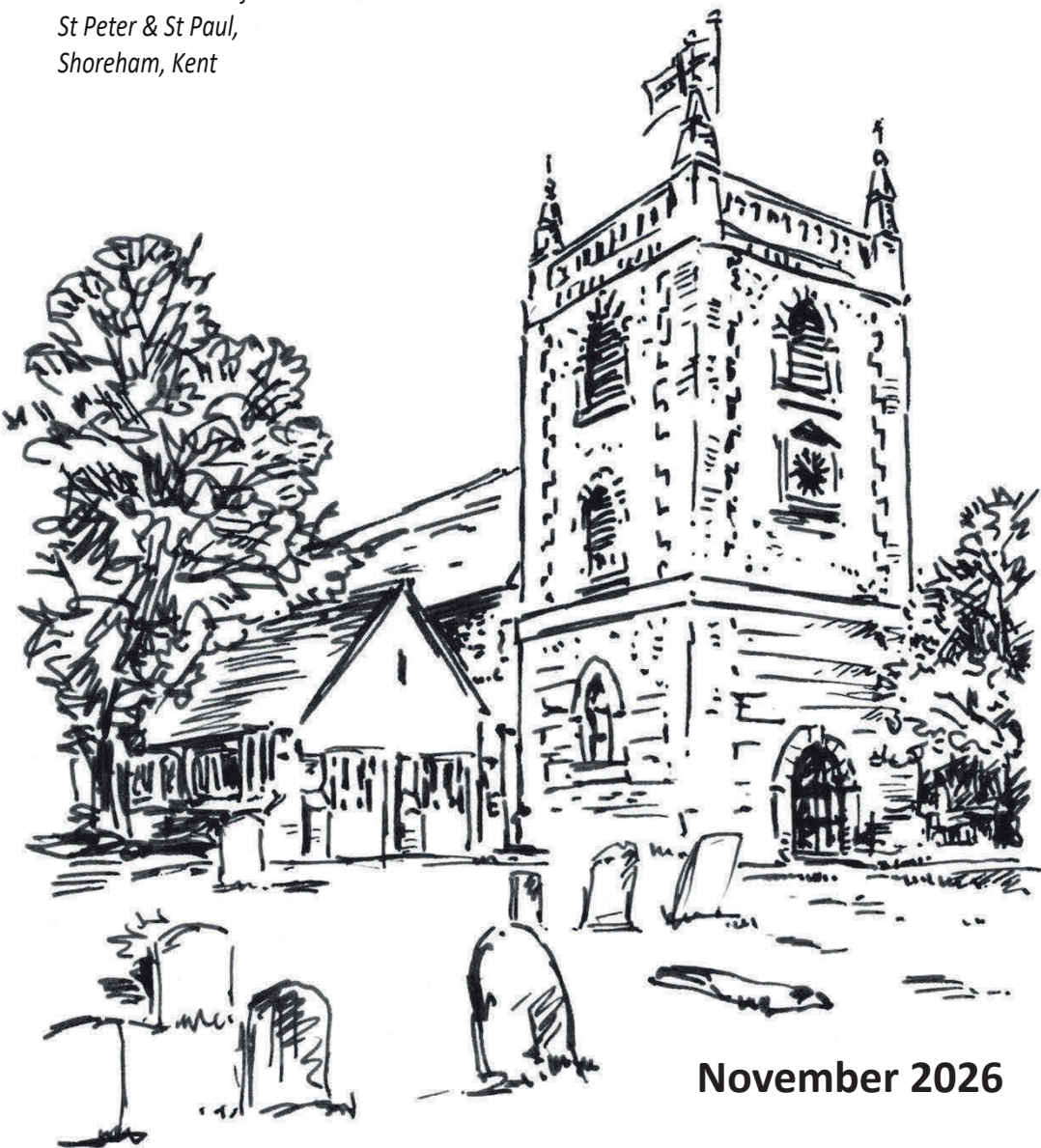


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November: A Time to Re-member

November marks the end of the Christian year, which begins not on New Year's Day, but on Advent Sunday, with the joyful expectation of Christ's birth. It seems fitting, then, that we bring the year to a close with a more solemn remembrance of those who have died.

I imagine that many of us, particularly as we get older, carry memories of lost loved ones with us every day. Sometimes we are prompted by a photograph or a treasured possession; sometimes by something quite ordinary. For me, it is the mixing bowl set given to my parents for their wedding in 1961! At our All Souls' Service on Sunday 1 November, we can hear the names of those we love read aloud in the contemplative calm of our candlelit church. The following week, our public act of Remembrance adds another important dimension: remembering not only those dear to us personally, but those whose sacrifice has shaped our wider community.

The word community has a deeper meaning than simply a group of people who have things in common. Its Latin roots, *cum munus*, suggest sharing a duty or obligation, even a gift. Community involves mutual responsibility: what we give to one another, and what we owe one another.

There is a similar thought in the word re-member. Beyond its literal meaning, it offers us a way of thinking about remembrance as renewing our *membership* of a community: reconnecting with one another and reaffirming our commitment to the common good.

Those who fought and died to preserve our liberty often spoke modestly of "just doing their duty". Yet our duty to honour their sacrifice remains, not least by asking how we can help preserve the peace and freedom for which they gave their lives. For Christians, this remembrance also points towards Jesus, whose sacrifice we believe opened up a new freedom in our relationship with God and with one another.

These are big, sometimes challenging questions! Perhaps November, with its darker evenings, the heating on and less time spent gardening, offers us a welcome opportunity for reflection. Before December brings its familiar flurry of preparations and present-giving, why not pause to consider what really matters?

On Thursday 12 November, we are holding a taster session for the Alpha course: an opportunity to explore life's big questions, not in isolation, but as part of a growing worldwide community of people seeking answers.

This November then, let us take time not only to remember, but to re-member: to renew our connections with those who have gone before us, with one another, and with the things that give our lives meaning.

Johnny Aisher, Churchwarden

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Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Remembrance Service including laying of wreaths at the Village Memorial

Sunday 15th November - Second Sunday before Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Family Service

Sunday 22nd November - Sunday before Advent

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Holy Communion with Choir

Sunday 29th November - Advent Sunday

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Holy Communion

Morning Prayer continues during term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at **9am**.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

8 June - **Simon Johnson** interment of ashes

20 June - **Revd Caz Mills and Alex Diacos** wedding

24 June - **Rebecca Hopper and Thomas Curran** wedding

30 June - **Angela Hicks** funeral

4 July - **Jonty Williams** interment of ashes

11 July - **Jeremy Adams** interment of ashes

24 July - **Danielle Gobey and Samuel Harris** wedding

3 August - **Isla Solly** baptism in the river

18 August - **Shannon Wylie and Sam Howel** wedding

22 August - **Jessica Billings and James Thompson** wedding

26 August - **Joyce Meade** interment of ashes

29 August - **Hazel Grewcock** interment of ashes

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16 Sept - **Laura Skinner and Andres Maldonado** wedding blessing

21 Sept - **Bryan Harris** funeral

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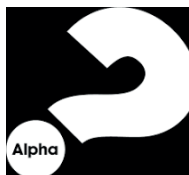
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Several of us who live in Shoreham are Alpha 'graduates'. I started out as a convinced atheist, and only took part in the course because my 16 year-old daughter invited me. What I really liked about it was the open and participatory approach. It allowed me, without pressure, to explore life's big questions: questions that I rarely thought about.

Each week of the course looks at a different question around the Christian faith and is designed to create conversation. It is free, and everyone is welcome. About 2 million people all round the world do the course each year!

Here in Shoreham we will be starting a course in January. Before then, on **Thursday 12th November at 7pm** in the **Church Rooms**, we will hold a taster session lasting about an hour. You will hear from people who have done the course, explore what the sessions cover, and find out the practical details. And there will be drinks and nibbles. If you'd like to come along, or to find out more information, please email the church office: shorehamparish@gmail.com.

Bill Lattimer, Lay Minister

SHOREHAM WI

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along to our October Community Coffee Morning, bought raffle tickets, purchased goodies from the bric-a-brac table and made generous donations for their refreshments. Thank you also to Henry Desmond for providing background music, which was much appreciated by everyone. There was hardly a seat to spare during the morning and we raised more than £800 to be passed on to Hospice in the Weald to help support the amazing work they do. Donations are still coming in, so we expect the final total to be a little higher, and if anyone still wants to donate please drop it off at 5 High Street.

The next WI meeting will be on Tuesday 3 November (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start) when we are looking forward to welcoming Natalie Podd, who is a board game inventor who owns and runs Confident Games, and lives in Shoreham. She will bring some games along with her, and we think it will be a great and sociable evening. We are always pleased to welcome guests and new potential members - please send any enquiries to Shoreham@wkwfwi.org.uk or just turn up at the beginning of the evening.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Our November Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12 November, from 10am to 12pm, as usual. The cost of tea/coffee and cake is only £2 and everyone is very welcome to join us at this friendly community event.

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"I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music." Albert Einstein

September saw the Village Hall hosting a fund-raising film night enjoying sing-a-long *Sound of Music*, with around 50 guests, a dozen in fancy dress, well done them. It was much enjoyed by all with requests to do something similar soon.



The event demonstrated the role the Village Hall can play at the heart of the community. The evening made a significant contribution to the Hall's finances raising circa £600. These were further boosted by generous donations from Chris and Fay at The Crown (the proceeds from Dobbin's Darts Night), and a very generous local resident.

We have decided that our next film will be a community event rather than a fund raiser and on the 20th February, we will have a matinee showing of the *Jungle Book*. Prices will be adults £5 in advance and £6 on the door and £3 for children. Fancy dress, face painting and masks strongly encouraged, (doesn't need to be *Jungle Book*, but an opportunity for the children to dress up). Further details will be in the next Gazette.

We're sorry to lose the Over 60s Club as a customer. It has been a fixture in the village for decades. Best wishes to all who have kept it going for so long.

If you want to hire the hall for a party or private function or to book a regular slot visit:- bookings@shorehamvillagehall.co.uk Website: shorehamvillagehall.co.uk

Mary Gee

SHOREHAM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What is Britain's most original art form? Some people say it's pantomime – and at our next meeting, on **Friday 20 November**, Malcolm Jones will talk on the history of the 300-year-old entertainment. In the 18th century, at Drury Lane Theatre, it was the vehicle for political satire, before its fairy-tale plots were devised in the 1800s and music-hall artists added the traditions known by every seven-year-old at Christmas. Lecturer Malcolm Jones was Events Manager at the V&A Theatre Museum for many years.

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The meeting starts at **8pm in the Village Hall**, with refreshments from 7.30. Non-members are welcome for just £3. And this will be your last chance before the festive season to pick up in person one or more of our pamphlets and booklets on the history of Shoreham. They make excellent stocking-fillers for Christmas.

<https://shorehamkenthhistory.weebly.com>

James Saynor



SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Tickets are on sale now for our next production: *The Unfriend*, a darkly hilarious comedy of manners from the writer of Sherlock and Dr Who.

It tells the story of Peter and Debbie, a nice suburban couple. They bumble along dealing with the usual challenges of everyday life, a passive aggressive and intrusive neighbour, challenging teenagers and how to fit all those wine bottles into the recycling.

Then Elsa explodes into their lives and they learn a hard lesson in the dangerous cost of being too polite.

Parental Guidance - some infrequent bad language and comical discussion of murder...

Performances 26-28 November.
Evening performances are at 7.30pm in

the Village Hall and there is a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £15 and are available from www.ticketsource.com/shorehamvillageplayers or Shoreham Village Stores (cash only).

Tickets are already selling fast so don't miss out.

Elie Williams

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We have now submitted our Annual Report and Accounts to the Charity Commission and they are available online if anyone would like to read them. The headline achievements of 2025 include:

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- donating £2,500 to Shoreham Village Pre-School which enabled them to ride out a particularly challenging period.

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www.walnuttreetrust.weebly.com

Jill Aisher (chair) Walnut Tree Trust

SHOREHAM OVER 60's CLUB

November Meeting. The Meeting is on Wednesday 18th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

(Please note this Meeting is a week earlier than normal, i.e. 3rd Wednesday instead of 4th). The speaker will be **Ken Fowler**, our very own centenarian. The title of his talk will be **"From Evacuee to Air Crew"**.

Entry Fees. Day visitors are always very welcome. The Entry Fee for Members and Visitors is £3.00. Refreshments will be served.

Important Notice regarding the Club becoming dormant on 31st December 2026

The Shoreham Over 60's Club has been in existence since before the Second World War, and possibly before the First World War. The Members have met continually every month throughout that time, except for breaks for the War(s) and COVID.

As reported last month, the Club will close, and become dormant, on 31st December 2026. This is due to the retirement of long serving members of the Committee, and helpers at the monthly Meetings.

The remaining Members of the Committee hope that there will be people in and around Shoreham who will be willing to come and join them and resurrect this valuable and respected Shoreham Club. At the time of writing there have been no enquiries. I appreciate everyone is always cautious about taking on open ended time commitments. However, there is only the **one** 2 hour Meeting in the Village Hall each month involving tea and cakes and a guest speaker. For a few months during the year there are outside visits to local gardens or Historic properties where refreshments are included in the entry fee. The time involved each month would be very modest. Please consider coming to join our **"Over 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 100 years old Members"** as Guests to the November Meeting.

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SHOREHAM SHINE AND SO MUCH MORE
On Saturday 10th October our amazing
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It was astounding what 35 people could achieve. 10 hard workers had all 410 daffodil bulbs planted by midday. We await their colourful arrival in late March.

Hopefully, many of you will have seen the enormous pile of rubbish and dumped items that were collected from outlying lanes and roads. This hefty and energetic work was carried out at Filston Lane, Station Road, A225 lay-by and surrounding areas, 'Home Farm Lane', Shacklands Road, Cockerhurst Road, Castle Farm Road and Redmans Lane. Thank you so much for all your incredible work and to those who used their own vehicles for collections. However, we didn't stop there! Some weeding, sweeping, cutting back, removal of posters and washing of signs was achieved too!

In addition to all the extraordinary Shoreham Shine achievements a group of neighbours got together on the same day to make a huge difference to Mill Lane. Do make sure you take a wander to have a look. Well done to the Mill Lane clearance team.

Our collective thank you goes to Fay and Chris at The Crown who offered us a wonderful welcome and a cuppa along with a scrumptious sweet treat spread. Many workers had a tasty re-fuel, resulting in them returning to do more for Shoreham Shine. Thank you to Fay and the two additional bakers. A great success!

It was a fantastic community day and our beautiful village is all the better for our collective efforts! Thank you for making a difference.

Vannessa Hills on behalf of the Shoreham Society

Film: 'The People's Emergency Briefing' Sunday 8th November 6pm Village Hall

The Shoreham Society is, above all things, concerned about protecting the environment. Primarily, our remit is to consider what is happening in the Darent Valley but, prompted by the recent talk on 'Gardening in times of Climate Change', it was felt that we need to raise awareness of the reality of the climate crisis and what, as individuals or as a community, we can do.

We have therefore arranged screening of a film called 'The People's Emergency Briefing'. You may have heard of it as it is being shown in a range of locations across the UK.

The film examines the urgent realities of climate change and nature breakdown—covering food security, extreme weather, public health, the economy, and national security—while explaining how people can help. It includes scientific contributions from leading UK experts including Prof Mike Berners-Lee, Prof Nathalie Seddon, and Prof Kevin Anderson alongside commentary from figures like Chris Packham and Deborah Meaden. Positive solutions are included amongst the straight talking about the level of climate crisis that we are experiencing.

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Planning News

The Shoreham Society and many other local groups have been very concerned about the threats to the Green Belt and our countryside that result from changes to the Government's planning laws. Among many other things, these can condemn beautiful countryside as 'Grey Belt', making it easier for the land to be developed. Developers are already coming forward with schemes long before the Sevenoaks Local Plan is assessed and approved. For example, a massive housing development north of Sevenoaks Nature Reserve near Dunton Green is being proposed, and is strongly opposed by Kent Wildlife Trust.

However, there has been one piece of good news. A huge housing development on the Broke Hill golf course, between Knockholt Station and Halstead, was refused planning permission by Sevenoaks District councillors – even though the planning officers OK'd it. However, this is not the end of the 7 year battle by Halstead parish council as the developer is likely to appeal.

John Saynor

NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Wow — I can't believe we are nearly at the end of term already, and what an amazing term it has been. So much learning has taken place and the classrooms are looking absolutely spectacular.

What a fantastic assembly we had from Cameron Class last Friday. It was brilliant to hear how much progress the children have made in such a short time — they spoke confidently and clearly throughout and should be very proud.

I'm loving hearing about the children's enthusiasm for learning — the books they are enjoying in class and the exciting topics they've been exploring, from the Romans and the Great Fire of London to the Industrial Revolution. Pupils have shown real curiosity this term: they are asking sharper questions and enjoying the challenge of deeper thinking.

This week Palmer Class and Moore Class have enjoyed themed days, dressing up in character.

Last week, Cameron Class had a fabulous trip to Tower Bridge in London to support their history learning. They explored the importance of the Thames during the Victorian era, learned how and when Tower Bridge was built, discovered what conditions were like for the people who worked on the bridge, and much more.

Barton have been working hard on their phonics. They have begun to blend sounds to read simple CVC words, with the help of Fred!

Thank you to all the staff, pupils and families who continue to make Shoreham Village School such a vibrant and creative place to learn. As a small village school we thrive on the generosity and support of our local community. We are currently seeking volunteers to help in school with activities such as reading or supporting class projects. If you have some time to spare and would like to make a difference to our pupils, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers will be subject to DBS checks and safeguarding measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children.

We are hosting Open Days for prospective families over the next few weeks, and we still have some limited spaces for pupils available in some year groups, so if you know anyone who is looking for a small friendly school with high standards and lots of lovely outdoor space, please ask them to call us to arrange a tour. Phone: 01959 522228 or email: office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk

Nikki Sheraton, Head Teacher

GOVERNING BODY

Become a **Governor of Shoreham Village School!** We are looking for someone to join the Governing Body of our village school. Candidates will need some skills but most importantly the absolute determination that the school's inhabitants are safe, happy and keen to learn.

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Jasper Dale, Chair. jjhdale@gmail.com mobile 07967583435 or office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk

NICKY RUSHTON

Annie and I are delighted to be able to tell you that our daughter Nicola Jane Rushton has recently been appointed as a full-time High Court Judge in the Business and Property Division (formerly called the Chancery Division) of the High Court. Nicky is very pleased - she tells us she has been nursing this ambition during her years as a barrister in London. She says she is now starting a new career!

Nicky spent her early years with us in Shoreham, usually living in a building site. She attended Mrs Green's playgroup, and then Shoreham Primary School, until she took the 11+ and moved on to Tonbridge Grammar School. It wasn't all school work, though. Nicky was active in the Brownies and Girl Guides and joined the Shoreham Players from when she was seven. Some with long memories may recall her spirited stage performances, including as Elvira in the Players' production of Noel Coward's 'Blithe Spirit'.

After doing her 'A' levels at TGS she went on to read Law at St John's College, Cambridge, where I know she had a great time and made lifelong friends.

She next did a Master's degree year in Law in Canada at Dalhousie, supported by the Sevenoaks Rotary Club. On her return to the UK she trained as a barrister as a member

of Gray's Inn, practising civil law. She became a QC (now KC) in 2018 and became Head of Chambers at Hailsham Chambers in 2024.

Nicky lives in Camden with her husband Jasper, their two children, Alexandra and Sam, and two cats. They visit us in Shoreham when they can.

David Rushton

TU-WIT-TU-WOO!

The Tawny Owl is probably our most familiar owl; children grow up learning that tawny owls say 'tu-wit-tu-woo' although this is not the call of one bird. The familiar call is a duet between the female who starts with the harsh 'kee-vik' which is then followed by the male with the deeper 'woo-hoooo'. At this time of year you may hear a lot of owl calls as the young are noisily driven from their natal territory by their parents. Each existing territory they pass through will elicit much calling, shrieking and hooting. This is a dangerous time for the young owls and many will die, driven from hunting grounds by resident birds before they reach their first year. Once they do find a suitable territory, which is likely to be only a few kilometres from their place of birth, they may remain in it all year round for the rest of their lives, making them one of our most sedentary birds.

Tawny owls are a bird of woodland, choosing to nest within chimney-like holes within large trees. As with many woodland species, churchyards can be good places for them, containing a range of habitats full of food as well as trees for nesting. We think of tawny owls as eating mice and voles but they have quite a varied diet, depending on what is available. They may eat small birds, rabbits, beetles, frogs and worms too.



Tawny owls do well in owl nest boxes and churchyards can be good places for these. If putting one up, keep well away from paths as owls can attack people walking too near their nests. The best place for one is within a tree with ivy or lots of branches as when the young are preparing to leave the nest they start 'branching' – climbing up and down the trunk using ivy and branches as footholds, sitting in neighbouring trees and generally starting to explore. During this time the parent birds are still feeding them, and a young owl found on the ground is probably not in trouble and

shouldn't be picked up in case a nearby parent attacks.

So, listen out for the tawny owls and think of the two birds duetting each other. Please let us know if you have owls within your churchyard and if not, how about putting up a nest box in a large tree?



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Wednesday 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 8	Film: <i>The People's Emergency Briefing</i>	Village Hall	6pm
Thursday 12	WI Community Coffee	Village Hall	10am
Wednesday 18	Over 60s talk: 'From Evacuee to Air Crew' Ken Fowler	Village Hall	2pm
Friday 20	Historical Society talk 'The History of Pantomime' Malcolm Jones	Village Hall	8pm
Thurs 26-Sat 28	Village Players <i>The Unfriend</i>	Village Hall (matinee Saturday 28 2.30pm)	7.30pm
Saturday 28	Darent Valley Choir Concert 'Let us Go to Bethlehem'	St Peter & St Paul, Farningham	7.30pm
Saturday 31	TEMENOS chamber choir <i>For All the Saints</i>	St Luke's Church, Eardley Rd, Sevenoaks	7.30pm

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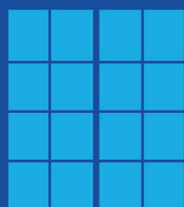
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